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Antitrust Division  
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Re: U.S. vs. Microsoft

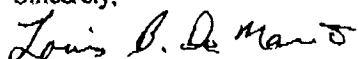
Dear Ms. Hesse,

As an entrepreneur who has grown his business exponentially throughout the past ten years, I can say that my business would not have been able to thrive if I had not had affordable access to Microsoft software.

As the founder and President of a successful waste management business and the owner of 4 farms throughout upstate New York, I can personally say that operating a successful business during a time of economic recession can be challenging. Continuing further litigation against Microsoft will only hurt business owners by adversely affecting the economy and driving up the price of software that is essential to the operations of numerous companies.

Over \$30 million dollars in taxpayer funds have been spent on *U.S. vs. Microsoft*. Agreeing to the settlement of this case is in the best interest of the technology industry, the economy, and consumers. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Louis B. DeMario  
President

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*Sound waste management for a sound environment*

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